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FOR A, ATTN L. SCHWARTZ

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1. IN VIEW OF UNCERTAINTY SURROUNDING SENATOR AND MRS. MANSFIELDS' SCHEDULE AND OUR PRESENT DOUBTS REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND OTHER IMPORTANT PERSONALITIES WE HAD PLANNED TO INVITE TO A DINNER IN THE SENATOR'S HONOR, WE WOULD NOW PROPOSE TO GIVE A SMALL RECEPTION INSTEAD TO BE FOLLOWED BY A WORKING DINNER AT THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. THE SCHEDULE FOR THE SENATOR AND HIS PARTY FOLLOWS:

MONDAY, AUGUST 11

1045 AIRCRAFT ARRIVES AT DON MUANG AIRPORT
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1145 PARTY ARRIVES AT ORIENTAL HOTEL

1245 AMBASSADOR AND MRS. WHITEHOUSE LUNCH WITH
SANATOR AND MRS. MANSFIELD AT ORIENTAL WITH SUCH

MEMBERS OF HIS PARTY AS THE SENATOR DESIGNATES.

AFTERNOON: ALTHOUGH RTG HAS BEEN INFORMED ORALLY OF SENATOR'S ARRIVAL WE HAVE NOT YET REQUESTED CALLS ON PRIME MINISTER AND SPEAKER PRASIT KANCHANAWAT. AFTERNOON SCHEDULE WILL HAVE TO REMAIN FLEXIBLE UNTIL SENATOR'S PLANS ARE FIRM, BUT WE WILL TRY AND WORK IN FOREGOING CALLS AND A BRIEFING EITHER AT EMBASSY OR IN SENATOR'S SUITE. IN THIS CONNECTION, TRAFFIC CONDITIONS IN BANGKOK ARE SUCH THAT WE ESTIMATE DRIVING TIME FROM ORIENTAL HOTEL TO CHANCERY AT HALF AN HOUR AND FROM ORIENTAL TO PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AT NEARLY 45 MINUTES. SCHEDULE WILL BE CONTRIVED TO AVOID UNNECESSARY MOVEMENT IN THIS TRAFFIC-CHOKED CITY.

MRS WHITEHOUSE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ACCOMPANY MRS. MANSFIELD TO MUSEUM, WATS OR SHOPPING.

1800 RECEPTION AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. WE WOULD PLAN TO INVITE PRIME MINISTER, SPEAKER PRASIT, FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER THANAT, DEMOCRATIC PARTY LEADER SENI PRAMOT, SEATO SECRETARY GENERAL SUNTHORN, GENERAL KRIT AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AND OPPOSITION PERSONALITIES FOR A TOTAL OF ABOUT 75 PERSONS. BELIEVE SUCH A RECEPTION WOULD PROVIDE THE SENATOR WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE FURTHER TALKS WITH PRIME MINISTER AND OTHER THAI LEADERS.

2000 AFTER GUESTS DEPART, WOULD PROPOSE THAT SENATOR AND HIS PARTY REMAIN AT RESIDENCE FOR INFORMAL WORKING DINNER WITH SENIOR EMBASSY OFFICIALS.

2. WE RECOGNIZE THAT FOREGOING MAY APPEAR TO BE HEAVY SCHEDULE BUT BELIEVE THAT PROPOSED RECEPTION WOULD BE LESS TIRING FOR SENATOR AND HIS PART THAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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DINNER PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED AND WOULD GIVE HIM GREATER EXPOSURE TO THAI LEADERSHIP. FURTHERMORE, GIVEN THE LATENESS OF OUR INVITATIONS WE ARE FAR MORE CONFIDENT THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS WOULD MAKE THEMSELVES AVAILABLE FOR A LATE AFTERNOON ENGAGEMENT THAN WE ARE THAT THEY WOULD BE FREE FOR DINNER NEXT MONDAY.

3. WE HOPE FOREGOING WILL MEET WITH SENATOR'S APPROVAL. WE WILL REQUEST AFOREMENTIONED CALLS AND ISSUE INVITATIONS AS SOON AS SOON AS SENATOR'S WISHES AND PLANS ARE KNOWN TO US.
WHITEHOUSE

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